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A Madison Connection at the General Conference

The General Conference session at St. Louis this year elected a top officer with deep Madison roots.

Ted N.C. Wilson, a general vice-president, comes from a family with a long and distinguished record of service to Madison and its affiliated institutions.

William Henry Wilson was born in Ireland and moved to California, dying in 1911. His oldest son, William George Wilson, died in 1915 at the age of 27. Three other brothers from this Lodi, Calif., family—Nathaniel Carter (N.C.), Ray and Walter—became part of the Madison legend.

N.C. Wilson, S '24, started in self-supporting work in 1919 by joining in the work of a fellow Californian, Mrs. E.W. Hurlbutt, in Reeves, Ga. According to an obituary of his wife Hannah Myrtle Wallin Wilson, the young couple married Oct. 1, 1919, and left by train for Georgia that same evening.



N. C. Wilson capacity.

N.C. Wilson next went to Madison as a student and later became a Bible teacher. His family left in 1925 with two of their children, Neal and Clarice, for service in Rhodesia and Nyasaland. N.C. Wilson later became president of the South African Division of the General Conference and then transferred to the Southern Asia Division in the same

Other offices included being president of Central Union and the North American Division from 1946 to 1948.

"His early experience in self-supporting institutions led him to the conviction that such centers should

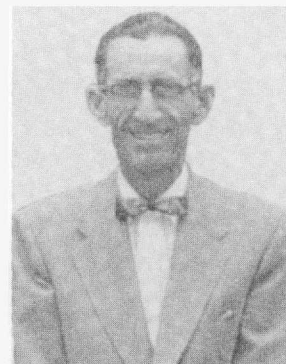


N.C. Wilson, Superintendent of North Rhodesian Mission Field and family

remain solidly anchored to the church," states a sketch about him in the *SDA Encyclopedia*. "As a result, while he was vice president of the General Conference, he, with several others, led out in establishing the Association of Self-Supporting Institutions (ASI) in 1947. This organization has grown and developed into a positive source and strength to the church, known today as Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries International."

N.C. Wilson died in 1992. His son Neal Wilson served as a president of the General Conference. Ted N.C. Wilson is his grandson.

"Mr. Walter Wilson came in from Lodi, Calif., to see his brother, N.C. Wilson, and family and has decided to remain at Madison for a time," according to the April 18, 1923, edition of the *Madison Survey*.



The *Survey* of the following December said that he was "one of the mechanics of the school" and "taking a course in automobile electric work in Nashville to increase his efficiency in the work at Madison." Five years later, he headed up the Machine Shop repairing automobiles and also the campus service station. From there he moved up to be the institution's purchasing agent, head of the campus store and personally directing the activities of the cannery, according to the September 26, 1945 *Survey*.

"That the cannery has done an excellent piece of work is evidenced by the fact that its products have met the approval of a food buyer of the N.C. & St. L. railroad to whose cafeterias we have supplied some canned goods," according to this article.

Walter Wilson later worked at the Scott Sanitarium and Rural Schools, Inc., in Reeves, Ga. and various places in Nashville and Atlanta. He died in 1989.

His son William Henry "Bill" Wilson, MCA '44, started his career as a teacher at Pine Forest Academy, Chunky, Miss., and became principal of Madison Academy in 1952. He went on to teach at Fletcher Academy, Hendersonville, N.C. and later became hospital administrator there as well as subsequently holding other similar positions at Hinsdale and Florida Hospitals.

Walter Wilson's two daughters are LaVerne Dodd, MCA '43, S '43-'44, of Maryville, Tenn., and Patricia Ann Rushing, MCA '53, BSN '57, of Carrollton, Georgia.

Ray Wilson, another brother of Walter and N.C. Wilson, moved to Madison in 1939 and worked in Central Heat and the Food Factory until his death in 1977.

His sons John Robert, "Bob", (deceased, shot down over Germany WW II), Walter Howard, "Bud", MCA '47, Lab '49 (deceased) and Lloyd Arthur, "Joe", MCA '48 became licensed lab directors. Their sister, LaVerne Rae Wilson Krantz, S '43-'44 (deceased) was an anesthetist. They all lived in the Madison area.

The campus influence spread far through this family.

showing dramatic pictures of schools he started along the Mississippi River as well as telling of his work in Nashville, Tennessee.

He was living in Nashville when the Madison founders took their eventful voyage up the Cumberland River and found the right place for a school. E.A. Sutherland and Percy Magan had admired White's work in the Deep South and thought of starting a school for black children in Mississippi.

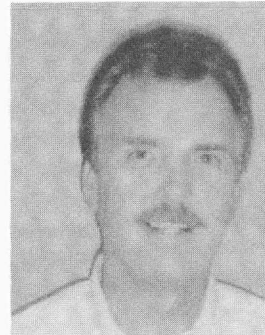


Debbie Young
President of ASI
For church, Debbie Young, president of ASI, spoke and paid tribute to the Madison roots of that great lay organization.

All attending enjoyed the music of the James Family and friends from Huntsville, Alabama during the entire weekend, culminating with a Sabbath evening vespers program.

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## EASEA Moves to Collegedale



Brian Traxler  
institutions.

The office of the accrediting agency for self-supporting schools has just moved from Monterey, Tenn. to Collegedale, Tenn.

The E.A. Sutherland Education Association (EASEA) now shares office space with The Layman Foundation, an organization founded in 1924 by Lida Funk Scott to promote the work of Madison and its affiliated

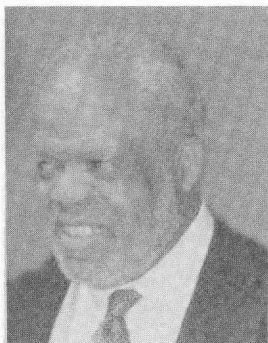
"EASEA moved to Collegedale (1) to save on expenses by sharing office space with The Layman Foundation, and (2) the EASEA Board felt that a central office should be located away from a single campus," says Brian Traxler, director of the association and former president of Heritage Academy. "We have more space at the new location and are more centrally located among the majority of our member schools."

EASEA is now working for accreditation of its member schools in Tennessee: Heritage Academy; Monterey; Laurelbrook Academy, Dayton and Harbert Hills Academy, Savannah. (Continued on page 3)

## HOME-COMING 2005

By Albert Dittes

Madison College alumni still supported their alma mater during the last weekend of June, 2005 by renewing old acquaintances as well as filling the Madison Campus Church new dining hall.



Elder Steven R. Norman III The Friday night meeting honored the memory of James Edson White, oldest surviving son of James and Ellen White. His boat The Morning Star not only had a part in starting Madison College but also played a part in the founding of Oakwood College.

Elder Steven Norman of the South Central Conference of SDA presented a power point presentation on the life and times of J. Edson White,

Telephone numbers are (423)-396-4545--EASEA, (423)-396-4440--Layman Foundation and (423)-396-4441--fax for both.

at birth) Michael Shaen and Claudia Jo. Claudia has presented them with three grandchildren, Derek T. Rose, Zachary and Natalie Woolsey.



### New dormitory



**MONTEREY, Tenn.**— A new 11,000 square-foot dormitory for 24 girls and two staff families has been finished at Heritage Academy.

“Some had been praying for it since they were freshmen, so we wanted them to have the opportunity to experience it.” She

Debbie Baker, President of Heritage Academy, (center) is surrounded by students Jessica Martins and Daniel Baker adds 18 girls will live there this year.

The boys dormitory is now overflowing, with 23 boys occupying a duplex and staff houses. Heritage Academy has accepted 42 students for the 2005 – 06 school year and can handle 48.

The building cost \$500,000, and they need \$12,000 to finish this five year campaign. In the self-supporting school tradition, the students and staff did much of the work on it themselves.



### 60 YEARS TOGETHER



**Robert “Bob” Sutherland**, grand-son of E. A. Sutherland, and **Stella McMasters of Texarkana, Arkansas** were married on July 26, 1945 in the front yard of Bob’s home. They had met five years prior when Stella came to attend Madison College. Bob entered the Army Air Corp in the fall of 1944 and they were married when he came

home on his first furlough. To this union were born Robert Michael (deceased

Stella served the Madison Boulevard Church as church clerk for thirty years and still serves as a deaconess. For many years she worked as secretary and office manager for two doctors. In retirement she volunteers doing secretarial work several days a week for the Director of Volunteer Services at Tenn. Christian Med. Center. She is also secretary/treasurer of the Madison College Alumni Assoc.

Bob, a retired R.N., worked at a local hospital as Chief Surgeon’s Assistant for 28 years, serves the Madison Boulevard Church as an Elder and Sabbath School teacher and volunteers at the Madison College Alumni Office as executive secretary, curator of the Heritage House and managing editor of the *Madison Survey*.



### FROM HERE AND THERE



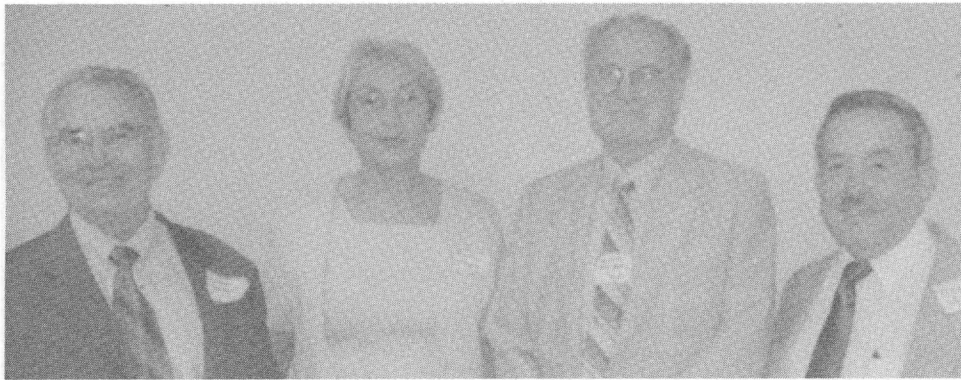
**Alabama:** C. Blanton Everett, S ’40–’41, wrote, “Thank you very much for the document you sent to me. I hope the enclosed check covers all the expense involved. If not please let me know.

Also, I thank you for putting my name on the *Madison Survey* mailing list

**California:** Willis G. Dick, M.D., N ’36, BS’50, sent dues and wrote, “To the editor: Get the important things off first. Enclosed \$25 dues. Just read Vol. 86 # 2. Dittes you are doing a valiant job. Got a question....Is there and Albert G. Dittes Jr. & Sr.? (no, there is the father, Albert Gotthold Dittes, M.D. and the son, Albert Gordon Dittes, President of the Madison College Alumni Association, although he never attended Madison. Both parents graduated at Madison. He has passion for Madison and writing about it.)

About two years ago I wrote suggesting that Dr. Albert record of his experiences at Madison...I got a reply that Dr. Dittes now lives in Ooltewah and was unable to recall or write...(he now resides in a nursing home in Portland, Tenn.)

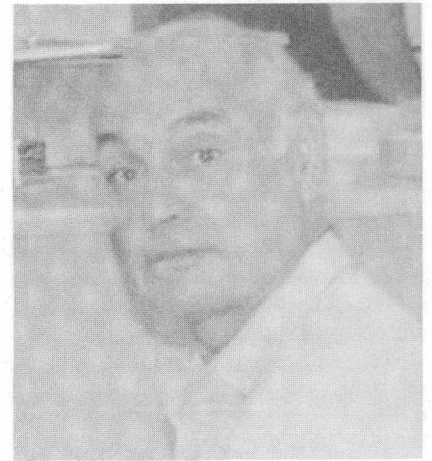
To me it is sad that Madison College went down the tube. Maybe it is just as well. 10¢ an hour would never go over today and there would have to be more adjustment than could be made. 10¢ does not sound like much but we also got a good meal at Kinne Kitchen for 10 or 12¢. I was 3 years there—’33 –’36, found a good wife and come the 26<sup>th</sup> of this (Continued on page 6)



Reuben and Pat Perales

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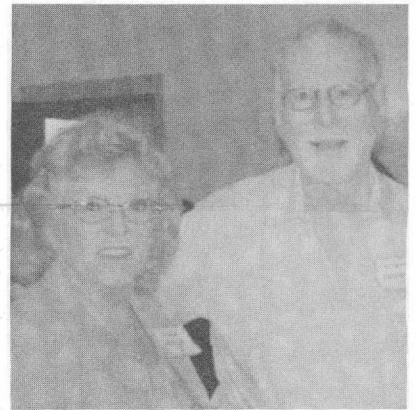
Dr. Pedro Perales



Jonathan Seward



Registration



Trannie Woodson  
Bernard V. Bowen



Waiting for your table to be called



Watch that elbow!



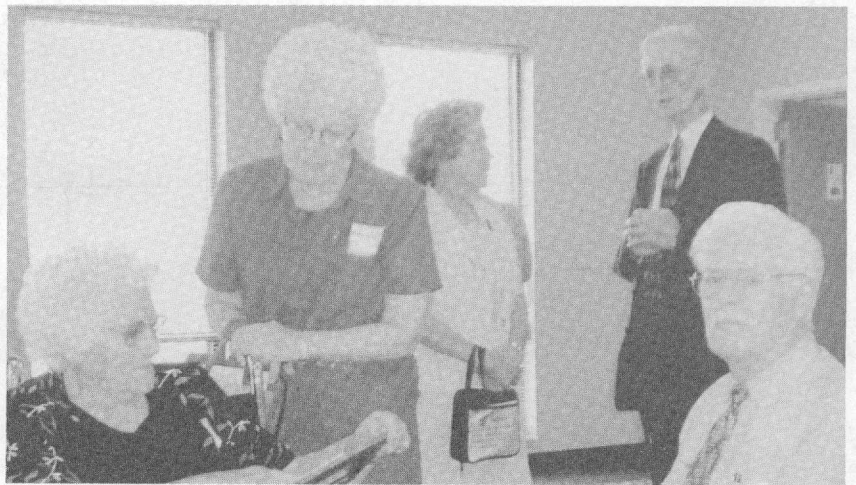
L-Paul Blankenship, Across table-Henry Scoggins and in foreground- Back of Con Arnold's head



Bobbie Moore Harrison & Gene



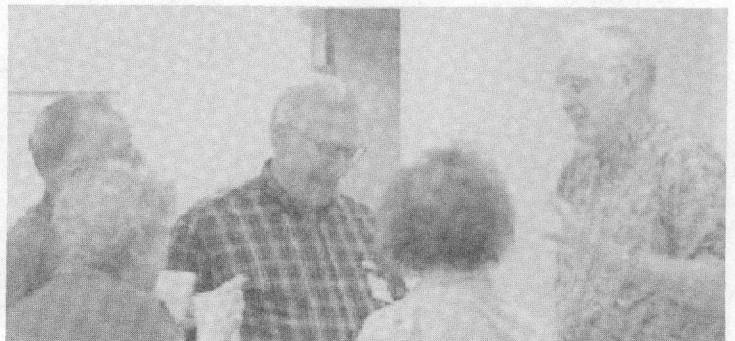
Elmer and Martha Higgins Fast



June Hunt Kirkwood, Elaine Culpepper Cantrell, Rebecca Culper Rosenboom, Bill Dull, Merle Kirkwood



Seated-June Hunt Kirkwood,  
L-R Linda Williams Harris,  
Lorene Kirkwood Willaims



Center-Henry Scoggins, R- Mickey Rabuka

month married 69 years . Eleanor Sutton RN '36 now has advanced Alzheimer's and in full care by me."(There are many today who could use a Madison program.)

**Georgia:** Alvin A Wilson, sent dues and office help with these words, "Dear Madison Alumni, This an overdue announcement of the death of my wife, Alice Wheeler Wilson. As in many cases important things get put aside following great losses.

It was by the providence of God that I was directed to Madison College as graduation from a public high-school approached. A relative of my mother, Herald R. Veach, an evangelist for the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference at the time, introduced the subject of sending me to college. The possibility of an injured coal miner's son, on public assistance, going to college had not been an option in any plan – or lack of plan– for my life.

It was at Madison that I experienced my first "girl friend" relation with Alice and were married 56.5 years it would have been 57 years June 20, 2005.

I noticed the obituary for Joe Zetko. I remember him as one of the workers at Central Heat.

Thank God for what Madison has stood for through the years of its existence. I am sorry it is no longer in service. May God continue His blessings on the reminders of how He has used Madison through the *MADISON SURVEY*."

**North Carolina:** Wallace D. "Wally" Welch, MCA, '48, sent dues, help, and change of address with these words, "Hi Friends, We've sold out in Florida and live in North Carolina full time since July 15. Packing and unpacking, I've taken a long time since I had to re-read all the old Madison year books etc.

Enclosed is a little something for the *Survey* and the office expense." (Thanks for the address change.)

**Oregon:** Jane Wolfe Douthit, BSN '56, sent a change of address (thank you Jane) and this message, "Dear Albert, please note my address change. I retired in 2004 from Loma Linda Medical Center after thirty years in the Diabetes Program as a Diabetes Nurse Clinician. I thoroughly enjoyed every year. And I was repeatedly thankful for my training at Madison..

I look forward to the *Madison Survey* and appreciate all you have done to keep it alive.

God bless you in all your endeavors  
Ever grateful for Madison."

**Oregon:** Kenneth Trussell, BS '51, sent dues, help, and something for Heritage House.

**Ohio:** Raymond G. Campbell, BS '61, "I have a favor to ask of you. In 1953 I went to Pine Forest academy in Chunky, Mississippi for the '53 – '55 years graduating the weekend of May 20 – 22, 1955. I knew they were having financial problems during the 50s, 60s and 70s. I was never in a position to help them out. The situation did not improve when the academy near Lumberton, Mississippi started up.

Pine forest Academy was originally started up by the Alabama-Mississippi Conference. They could not make a go of it and turned it over to the Layman Foundation and Madison College. A good Christian man, Andrew Wheeler, was in charge for a time. Then C. A. (Adolph) Johnson, whom I believe was teaching at Madison, was asked to take over. He was there when I attended. He was assisted by his wife, his brother Ruben and Betty Johnson, and others. Just after I left and came to Madison College his brother Dr. David Johnson left Madison and joined his brothers buying an adjoining farm and giving it to the academy to use. Shortly Dr. David got cancer and died. I suppose his wife and family stayed, I'm not sure. I visited Pine Forest a couple of times while I was at Madison, taking students with my wife and I.

I was visiting there in the summer of 1964 when bodies of young civil rights workers were found. I was afraid and left immediately and drove through the night with my wife and six month old baby girl. We drove to Madison to see cousins. I realize now that was probably not the best thing to do with northern tags on the car. I just wanted to leave the area. There were not many interstate highways then. We drove state an US routes.

Also in the early 80s my daughter and I stopped in to visit Mrs. C. A. Johnson, Dr. Ruben and others We stopped at the sanitarium and talked with Velma and Darwin Secrist, Lab '62, who were helping out there. I don't know where they are now.

I also remember there was talk of making the academy a type of junior college.

Now, back to my request. On May 20,2005 I was traveling through Mississippi and stopped by the Pine Forest property. I had assumed that the academy had closed. I found it to be true. I spoke to some young men there. They did not want to talk to me. They told me to talk to a man in the building that we used to use for school.

He gave me a brochure (Continued on page 7)

showing what the property is used for now. My question is this, can you find out when the academy and sanitarium finally closed. (We have not been able to determine this yet. Any help out there?)

A while back you mentioned a book by Jane Allen Quevedo which is about Adventist Hospital work. On page 271 Pine Forest Hospital & Sanitarium is listed at Gilberttown, Alabama. It has the dates 1934–1991. Is this the same Pine Forest Hospital & Sanitarium that was at Chunky, Mississippi? The date 1934 is about right as I remember being told while in academy. (No, there is no connection.) There was a new building built for the “San” after I graduated.

Before I went to Pine Forest an old school building had been torn down and the bricks brought to the academy. If the young men did something wrong they had to clean old mortar off the bricks and stack them in a neat pile. One boy, my roommate, had to clean 400 bricks. They had to be stacked in a neat pile to be counted.

The day I stopped in was fifty years after I graduated.

Thanks for any information.”



## RESTING UNTIL THE RESURRECTION

**Avid, Marie “Minnie” Albarian**, expired July 3, 2005. She graduated from Madison in '43 in chemistry. Marie lived in Fresno, Calif. And went on to earn R.N. And M. S. degrees. She is survived by daughters, Laura Aved of Los Angeles, and Dr. Barbara Aved of Sacramento, Calif. And two grandsons. Marie’s fondest memories were foremost her Madison years.

**Brown, Newell G.**, N '63, Anes. '64, 87 years old, expired in Chattanooga, Tenn. September 12, 2005 subsequent to an extended illness. He had lived in the Chattanooga area for the past two years. Newell was born in and spent his early years in Illinois. In the late fifties the family moved to Madison, Tenn.

Mr. Brown and his wife moved to Smithville, Tenn. in the early seventies where they were active in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Newell was very talented with his hands and helped design and build the Smithville Seventh-day Adventist Church.

He was a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, working at Baptist and Saint Hospitals in Nashville and occasionally at the hospital in Smithville.

Surviving are his wife of 65 years, Jane Brown,, sons and daughter-in-laws, Bevin and kathie Brown, Troy, Ala., Gary and Mickie Brown, McMinnville, Tenn., four

grandchildren, sister, Lois Gott, Zephrhills, Fla. and brother Hoy Brown, Chicago, Ill.

**Wilson, Alice B. Wheeler** went to sleep January 9, 2005, at her home in East Dublin, Georgia after a short battle with cancer.

She was born Aug. 20, 1925 in North Dakota to Fred Everingham and Eleanor Mason Wheeler. She grew up there and in Florida as well as at Madison College, Tenn. She married Alvin Wilson June 20, 1948 at Madison with Elder Glenn Coon officiating.

Her husband served 20 years as a literature evangelist in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Arkansas.

After their four children grew up, her husband, Alvin, spent 20 years in pastoral ministry in the Arkansas–Louisiana Conference. During this time, Alice developed a special program entitled *The Supreme Gift*, a dramatic presentation in poetry of the life of Christ.

Alvin retired from the pastoral ministry in 1994, and they moved to East Dublin, Georgia in 2001 to be near their daughter.

Alice was diagnosed with cancer of the colon and liver on New Year’s Day, 2005 and died while working on her final painting depicting Calvary to complete *The Supreme Gift*. Her family hopes to fulfill her plan to publish this presentation in book form.



## UPDATE FROM AFRICA

### UPDATE ON MINISTRY WORK OF SECOND ADVENT DISCIPLESHIP COMMISSION

Date: September 27, 2005

Dear Brethren,

Greetings to you in Jesus dear name. On the commencement of the maiden session of our gospel medical missionary school, we are thankful to God who has greatly blessed our efforts so far. We are also thankful to all of you who had not relented in your prayers in our behalf. May God also abundantly bless you all in your committed and faithful work for Him in these very last days.

At the moment a total of 22 students are registered with us in our Bible and Health courses this maiden session. We provide text books for the various classes. We also have made KJV Bibles available to a majority of our students who do not have the version.

The Lord has also tremendously blessed our on-campus community clinic with miraculous healing on all

of patients so far even as we in faith apply God's natural remedial modalities. The traditional ruler of the locality where we are, has successfully gone through one of our health sessions after which his kidney disorders disappeared. The Lord is now using him to recommend our health message to his subjects. He is Senior Gagu Solomon. For the past four months we have handled 44 guests. Please do have this arm of our work in your prayers.

We are planning to make more class room seats as the ones we have no longer are sufficient. Whatever assistance you are impressed to give in this regard will be greatly appreciated.

May God bless you in Jesus name we pray.

**SECOND ADVENT DISCIPLESHIP COMMISSION**

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We are looking forward to seeing many of you at homecoming in June 2006. Plans are going forward with expectations of a great week-end.

In March 2006, the Madison Campus Church will celebrate their centennial anniversary. All former members, attendees, and friends are invited to be present to make this a memorable event.

With this issue, I apologize for the delay in getting it out. There have been several glitches and a computer crash with a touch of procrastination and family health issues. So again I submit my apology. Bob Sutherland

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